



## **June Activity Summary**

**Franklin County Economic Development Commission**

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### **Business Development/Marketing**

- Hosted representatives from Duke Energy, Banning Engineering, and various utility and community leaders for the kickoff meeting of the Site Readiness Light program offered by Duke Energy for the Brackney Industrial site.
- Completed an initial site information assessment for the Brackney Industrial site as requested by Duke Energy and Banning Engineering for the Site Readiness Light program.
- Met with a Louisville-based commercial developer to discuss opportunities in southern Indiana, as well as the recent Opportunity Zone designation.
- Received seven project leads from the IEDC. All leads were for new or expanding manufacturers, three required existing facilities, and two were only considering joint venture opportunities.

### **Project Management**

- Followed up with APC Director Cindy Orschell requesting feedback and zoning confirmation on various parcels related to the potential Golden Road TIF district expansion.
- Continued working with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to gain access to the Indiana Site Certified online submission portal.
- Drafted resolution on excess assessed valuation and the taxing unit notification letter for review and consideration by the Franklin County RDC at its June meeting.
- Continued working with FCCRVC and Hotel R&D LLC toward the completion of the hotel feasibility study.
- Continued assisting the Town of Brookville staff and counsel with items related to the Valley House tax abatement resolution, establishment of the economic revitalization area, and completion of the SB-1 forms.

### **Engagement**

- Along with EDC member John Palmer, met with representatives from One Dearborn, Dearborn County's Economic Development Organization, to discuss their organizational goals and identify opportunities for collaboration among the two communities.

- Attended a combined meeting of the Franklin County EDC and the Franklin County RDC. Discussion items included the EDC budget, as well as continued discussion on the potential ribbon TIF expansion. Additionally, the RDC approved a resolution stating there was no excess assessed value to pass through to the overlapping taxing units.
- Met with the IEDC's Director of Interagency Affairs & Redevelopment and the IEDC's Small Business Ombudsman to discuss potential projects and other economic development endeavors in southeast Indiana.
- Hosted a multi-organization community meeting in Brookville involving representatives from Main Street Brookville, the Franklin County Community Foundation, the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission, the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission, the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Whitewater Canal Trail, Inc., the Brookville Redevelopment Commission and the Franklin County Economic Development Commission.
- Met with an Indianapolis-based attorney specializing in municipal finance to discuss TIF, TIF district expansion, and issues related to the ongoing calculation of base assessed value.
- Worked with OCRA on scheduling a community visit to discuss applicability of potential programs with Franklin County's new district liaison – Earnie Holtrey.
- Communicated with Ginnie Faller, Franklin County's SBDC advisor, about scheduling a visit to provide an update on the organization and its services to small businesses.
- On behalf of the Franklin County Auditor, contacted Umbaugh (municipal financial advisors) to request assistance in reviewing and addressing the base assessed value issues impacting TIF revenue calculations in Franklin County. A conference call was scheduled for early July to discuss in more detail.